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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated October 18, 2004;
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I hereby authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 50-0259 (Atty Docket 0408RF.045524).

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In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, applicant files the following Amendment and Response. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.